



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2827  
Examiner: J. ALCALA

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant(s): Mark J. BAILEY et al.  
Serial No.: 09/651,334  
Filed: August 31, 2000  
For: ENHANCED SURFACE LAMINAR CIRCUIT BOARD  
Docket No.: ROC9-2000-0158-IBM-191

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RESPONSE

July 25, 2002

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Response  
J. Macmillan  
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Reconsideration of the rejections presented in the Examiner's Action mailed on April 26, 2002, is requested for the following reasons:

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on April 26, 2002 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Reconsideration of the rejections presented therein is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-12 and 20-21 as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner states that claims 1 and 20 are indefinite for being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections. The Examiner's Action refers to MPEP § 2172.01.

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